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ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER.

Kimberley still holds out, but it is unfortunately plain from our cables of this morning that the worst is expected. The entrenchments and outside fortifications are no longer to be held, and the town is open to the foe. To this end the streets have been barricaded and blocked, and barbette wire has been put up. Colonel Kelownah means to make a good fight, and will be the last to fall. He is well as the inspiring presence of Mr. Cecil Rhodes. Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Baden-Powell is also well, and has been in the van of the defence. He has served with distinction in the Malay Peninsula, with the Nile expedition of 1894-5, and in 1898 in the Sudan. He is a man of great energy and courage, and will defend Kimberley to the last, and his forces will be well supplied with food and ammunition. The situation of the Boer Kaffirs, which is reported this morning to have arrived at Capetown, is not up to 300,000, and it is not probable that they will be sent from Capetown to assist in the suppression of Boer sympathisers on the frontier. The medical authorities are of opinion that the Boers will remember the dismal attitude taken up a couple of weeks ago

**A NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FUND**

A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by Mr. E. Davis, chairman of the Stock Exchange, waited upon his Worship the Mayor, at his residence, 10, Coleman street, on Monday morning last. Mr. E. H. Schenck, chairman of the chamber, read a resolution passed at the meeting requesting Sir Matthew Harre to open a National Patriotic Fund to provide for the relief of all persons left in the city with the consequence of not being able to leave for the Transvaal.

The Mayor, in reply, consented to fall in with the wishes of the deputation, and promised to call a meeting of the committee of the Chamber of the Town Hall on Monday next at 4 p.m.

It was suggested that Mr. Premier (Mr. Lyle) be invited to attend the meeting, and to take part. Messrs. Davis and Mitchell consented to act as honorary secretaries pro tem.

### PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEPARTURE.

The New South Wales Army contingent for service in South Africa began embarkation to-morrow, Monday, at 8 a.m., under the command of Major-General Sir John Moncrieff, who will take with him about 400 which is to go to the seat of operations, will embark at Circular Quay on the Federal Navy Ship. The military authorities have been anxious to get the Government with the arrangements in connection with the departure, and consequently the details agreed upon by Major-General French and his staff are simple and effective, as a voluntary parade of the troops will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday morning, the forces will assemble at Victoria Barracks. The Sydney-Perthamatta squadron New South Wales Ambulance Corps will be followed by the regimental band. There will come the King's emblems of soldiers who have volunteered for the war.

A detachment of 40 leading the head-bearer company New South Wales Army Medical Corps, and the

The section are ready to receive the wounded from the latter, and to search for wounded men, if necessary, treat them temporarily under the direction of the regimental surgeon, and carry them back to the hospital ship. They will also be engaged to take to the dressing station.

At the dressing station the surgeons put on permanent dressings or practice minor operations, and then the patients as soon as they recover from shock are sent to the hospital ship. The ambulance hospital officers, there to be fully treated and remain until convalescent.

The members of the Ambulance Corps are as follows:-  
Warrant-officer J. Bond, Permanent Staff  
Major W. G. Evans, Permanent Section Army Medical Corps  
Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Baring, Permanent Section Army Medical Corps  
Colonel J. Knox, Permanent Section Army Medical Corps  
Colonel R. H. Dyer, Permanent Section Army Medical Corps  
Private H. Hughes, Permanent Section Army Medical Corps

Following the heroes of the day will march the New South Wales Regiment Royal Australian Garrison Artillery with the regimental band. Then will come

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to enter on a holiday jaunt of a lifetime where they have fairly cast off the encumbrances of the past.

attendants on strangers to the aid, uncover their hearts to the world, and reveal to the world that life was real and earnest. Life on the zephyr-knot would be no kind of a picnic whatever. They would be drilled and drilled, day and night, and it is the intention of officers and drillmasters to make the men of the zephyr-knot justifying Stowaway Jackson's crushing condemnation of volunteer soldiers. It is in the nature of the thing that the responsible superiors will help the men to so divorce themselves from the memory of the ordinary environments of their life that they will find the line with the regulars of Great Britain they will be with them not mere guests but comrades. They have seen the English power. They will not only have been made physically and tactically good, but they will have been made to understand the necessity of implicit obedience to the word of command. Not that their courage would ever have led them to hesitate. They are sufficient; but they need the intelligence, which may be above that of the professional soldier, who knows instinct it is in the mind for a soldier while under command in action, must be so directed that it recognizes only the primal law of the war, the law of the sword.

question which the military authorities assume when they argue for the value of experience of actual war is the chance of Imperial training for the future.

**FIRST AUSTRALIAN HORSE.**

The 28th Cavalry Regiment has been so yesterday successfully met the doctors were as follows:

- Trooper-officer G. C. Dunnay, age 37,
- Captain J. H. Smith,
- Sergeant S. C. Barnes, 26,
- Captain W. E. Blandy,
- Sergeant-Lieutenant G. Hanson, 30,
- Lieutenant A. D. Mather, 39,
- Sergeant James Buchanan, 35,
- Trooper Edward Thomas, 34,
- Trooper R. H. Haydon, 25,
- Trooper F. Blandy, 25,
- Trooper A. King, 25,
- Promoted Trooper L. Horner, 20,
- Trooper M. J. Commins, 20,

besides the infantry, some 70 mounted infantry, 24 Lancers, and 32 Australian Horse. The arrangements which Captain Luscombe has made were

inspected yesterday by Colonel McKenzie, who expressed himself highly pleased. The quality of the master-sergeant prides himself upon the quality of the food supply, and the men are liberal in their appreciation of it.

The horses are splendidly provided for, having come in at a time when the society had improved its horse-stalls. The Lancers, having been sent to the barracks, passed into camp where they were, but 108 police horses had preceded them, and then they had to take charge of them. There are also 47 ponies from the Artillery in the camp, and more will enter to-day. They will all be examined today, and those of them that pass the veterinary surgeon will be branded in the usual army way upon the hocks. A few days ago an important case of strangles was pointed out to me by "Harold." No prevention had been made for a vet. to travel by the coast, despite the value of its equine services. It was a very serious case, and due to deficiency, and a veterinary surgeon, probably Lieutenant Melhuish, of the Army Veterinary Medical School, was sent to see to it.

The Mounted Indians were arriving in drafts throughout the whole day and were met by Captain Gaultier, who has been ordered to receive them.

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Trooper N. Pringle, 96.  
Trooper J. C. de la Motte, 97.  
Trooper M. French, 98.  
Trooper W. H. Labarre, 99.  
Trooper U. A. Smith, 99.  
Trooper C. F. Smith, 99.  
Trooper R. G. Brown, 99.  
Trooper T. Murphy, 99.  
Trooper E. J. O'Connell, 99.  
Trooper W. H. Halliday, 99.  
Trooper J. D. O'Connell, 99.  
Trooper A. E. Harvey, 99.  
Trooper J. D. O'Connell, 99.  
Trooper J. Lewis, 20.

SPECIAL OFFICERS.

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of them were examined by Lieutenants Marsh and Smith. Of the 50 no fewer than 10 failed pass the scrutiny and so lost all chance of going on.

Some of these rejects should never have presented themselves. The 40 passed men are grand types of foremen, equal to any fatigue or demand on their physique. To-day they will commence drilling, and next week it is hoped that they will be given the honor of marching in the annual review.

In speaking of the drill of the Mounted Infantry, the inclusion of the Australian Horse seems to have been overlooked. It is a little regrettable that, as at first intended, it is believed that the men who have passed the doctor will be included in the march, but it is probable that Lieutenant J. B. N. Osborne. No explanation of the omission is given, but it is probable that, but the appointment of Lieutenant Dowling will be understood, is interfered with.

It is probable that the detachment shall be permitted to go with the troops leaving by the Aberdeen. It is also estimated that parcels of books, magazines, for any good light literature will be accepted on behalf of the men as follows:—If for the Kent detachment, to be left at the barracks before ten to-day, or at the ship subsequently; if for the Aberdeen detachment, it may be left at the ship.

The troops leaving for the Transvaal on Saturday afternoon by the Kent will leave Victoria Barracks at 2.15 p.m., and will proceed via Oxford, Bourke, Wilcannia, Renmark, and Adelaide, to Port Adelaide Quay, where only the troops will be admitted. No persons without tickets will be allowed upon the wharf, and those who have tickets must enter by the entrance to the wharf, and not by the entrance to the church. Before the troops arrive at Circular Quay omnibuses will leave there via Macquarie-street, and will be allowed to leave the wharf, and will have previous to their leaving the barracks, for, as before stated, no one without tickets will be admitted to the wharf.

ABOARD THE KENT.

Captain Friske was standing looking down into the

desire to intimate that as the wharf space is limited no person unless bearing a pass specially issued

the agents of the Koot will be allowed on the wharf on Saturday afternoon.

## ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

### A COMPLETE UNIT.

The first unit of the New South Wales contingent to be completed is the Army Medical Corps. Permission has been given to make up the strength to 100, instead of 85, and yesterday a final medical examination ascertained that number. In a ceremony which a "Herald" reporter had with Colonel Williams, the officer in command, ex-

"How many are you taking?"

"I think 130 or 140, and we intend to make them comfortable."

"What about promenade space?"

"Oh, for drill purposes? I suppose that they will take place on the boat deck; but the forward deck space from No. 2 and No. 5 hatches is pretty big. If they want exercise the whole of the deck is available right fore and aft the ship. The horses will be taken in the stalls on the upper deck, and a couple of hundred men's meals made sufficient in a steamer like this. We shall be at sea most anyone who to-morrow, and shall be glad to meet anyone who may come aboard. You see this Federal flag of ours

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